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In re Application of

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For: WET CUP THROAT SEAL AND

BEARING ASSEMBLY

DECISION ON

PETITION

UNDER 37 CFR 1.181

This is a decision on applicants' "Submission of Missing Part," filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on 29 November 2004.

BACKGROUND

On 23 May 2000, applicants filed international application PCT/US00/14185, which claimed a priority date of 04 June 1999. A demand for international preliminary examination was timely filed on 16 August 2000. The deadline for entry into the national stage in the United States was 04 December 2001.

On 04 December 2001, applicants filed a transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee and a declaration executed by two of the three inventors.

On 30 April 2002, a Notification of Acceptance (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) was mailed giving the application the date 04 December 2001 under 35 U.S.C. §§371(c)(1), (2) and (4).

On 11 June 2002, applicants submitted a petition to correct the filing receipt to list the three inventors and submitted a single supplemental page of the declaration.

On 14 June 2004, the Office mailed Decision On Petition Under 37 CFR 1.181, dismissing applicants' petition without prejudice and vacating the 30 April 2002, Notification of Acceptance.

On 29 November 2004, applicants filed the renewed submission accompanied by a declaration and the fee for a four month extension of time.

DISCUSSION

The 29 November 2004 declaration complies with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b).

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is **GRANTED**.

The application has an international filing date of 23 May 2000 under 35 U.S.C. §363 and a date of 29 November 2004 under 35 U.S.C. §371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4). This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations for further processing in accordance with this decision.

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